

# COMMUNITY HARVEST, INC

PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE, COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTION  
TO END HUNGER IN STARK COUNTY SINCE 1989



## 2016 ANNUAL DINNER BROUGHT A RECORD CROWD

Over 130 Community Harvest supporters, food donors, partnering hot meals sites, and volunteers attended the 2016 Annual Dinner and Steak Fry at Varian Orchards on Thursday, June 16th to enjoy comradery, great food, and the opportunity to highlight our extraordinary volunteers. Attendees also enjoyed a trolley ride through the picturesque orchards after dinner on a beautiful summer day.

We are very grateful to all of our partners who donated food for the event. Tim Reinhert of Santangelo Catering, and his wife, Jean, prepared delicious steaks and chicken with the help of Michael Barbato. A special thank you to Olive Garden for providing the salad and breadsticks, Grinders Above and Beyond for the pasta, Deanna Barbato for the green beans, Santangelo Catering for the redskin potatoes, Tammi Leary and Christina Furney for the centerpieces, UTZ Snacks for the chips, and Nom Nom Cupcake Factory for the cupcakes. Additional desserts were prepared by board members, Linda Steinhebel and Nancy Varian. We would especially like to thank Varian Orchards for sharing their home and helping us set-up for the event.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to key supports during our 2015-2016 year. **KIMBLE Companies**

was recognized with the **Outstanding Business Support Award**, an award given each year to a business that has significantly impacted the success of Community Harvest. More specifically, KIMBLE Companies provides trash boxes for our two largest fundraisers, Celebrity Cuisine and the Harvest Moon Run, each year in addition to financial support throughout the year.



**Indian Run Christian Church** in East Canton received the **Outstanding Community Partner Award**, an award given each year to an organized group or partner who has significantly impacted the amount of food delivered by Community Harvest each year. Indian Run Christian Church first selected

Community Harvest as the recipient of produce from their community garden in the summer of 2011. The produce harvested from the Indian Run



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### Connect With Community Harvest

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# 2015~2016

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Indian Run Church harvested 22,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables for distribution to our thirty-two partnering hot meal programs and shelters.
- The Tri-County Restaurant Association hosted their 24th Annual Celebrity Cuisine to benefit Community Harvest with a record-high attendance of over 1100 people. Save the date of Tuesday, March 21, 2017 for next year!
- Stark County Medical Society selected Community Harvest for proceeds from their Annual Golf Outing for a 4th consecutive year.
- Thirteen dedicated volunteers gave over 5500 hours of service and delivered enough food for local hot meal programs and shelters to provide 1.5 million meals.
- Nearly 200 volunteers donated their time to help make huge successes of our two annual fundraisers, The Harvest Moon Run in October and Celebrity Cuisine in March.
- Community Harvest and the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank have both been working for years to serve individuals in Stark County struggling to make ends meet. Over the past year, we have been examining ways we can work more collaboratively and better serve our community. We are excited about what the future may bring in this new partnership. Stay tuned for more details!

Record Crowd continued...

Christian Church garden represents approximately 100,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables distributed to date. "We recognize that maintaining a community garden requires an exorbitant amount of time and hard work," shared Faith Barbato during the presentation of the award. "Fresh produce is so greatly needed during the summer months, especially when kids are out of school and without access to the nutritional requirements mandated by most school lunch programs."

ABC Supply Co., Inc. was recognized with the **Outstanding Community Support Award**, an award given each year to a local business or foundation who has significantly impacted the success of Community Harvest. ABC Supply Co., Inc. has supported Community Harvest for over seven years by donating proceeds from their annual picnic to Community Harvest and have continuously supported numerous fundraisers through both sponsorship and attendance.



**Bradley Mull** received a standing ovation when presented with the **Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award**, an award given each year to an outstanding young adult who has impacted the Community Harvest program while helping to reduce hunger in Stark County. Bradley orchestrated a tremendously successful project called "Bradley's Blanket Brigade" that provided hundreds of blankets, clothing, and jackets for children and families to stay warm this past winter while positively impacting Hope Outreach Ministries, a network partner of Community Harvest.



Tom Preiss & Faith Barbato

**The Deloris Cope Humanitarian Award** is a distinguished honor presented to a community leader who has demonstrated good stewardship and dedication to reducing hunger in Stark County. This award was presented by Linda Steinhebel to **Tom Preiss** of the Samaritan's Table for his exemplary social service, servant leadership, and dedication to Community Harvest over the past decade. When asked about receiving this honor, Preiss said "What an absolutely awesome honor to receive the Deloris Cope Humanitarian Award. It was so unexpected, and I am humbled and thankful to join only fifteen others who have received this honor from Community Harvest."

# SAYING Goodbye

## In Memoriam of Ray Woolfenden

It is with much sadness that we say good-bye to Ray Woolfenden, a loyal and dedicated volunteer of Community Harvest for over 15 years. Ray is the volunteer affectionately referred to as "Ray-Bear" and will always be remembered for his infectious smile, kind heart, and passion for Community Harvest. Ray passed on Sunday, June 19th in his home after a long battle with cancer. When talking with Ray's friends from St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen, a partnering site of Community Harvest faithfully serving a hot meal each Monday, they shared several fond memories of Ray. "He always proudly wore his bright yellow suspenders and U.S. Navy Veteran hat when delivering food here each Monday. He became family to us, and our hearts and sincerest sympathy go out to his wife, Norma, and the rest of his family."





# *Community Harvest Fall Events are...* Just Around the Corner

Community Harvest has been busy planning for two of our most talked about events of the fall – The 15th Annual Stark County Medical Society Golf Outing to benefit Community Harvest and our 5th Annual Harvest Moon Run.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES AND RSVP TODAY!**

## 15TH ANNUAL SCMS GOLF OUTING

Join us on Wednesday, September 21st for one of the most popular golf outings in Stark County!

We promise it will sell out this year, so don't delay and register your team today. This 4-person scramble tees off at 12:30 PM. All golfers will enjoy a shrimp and bloody mary hospitality station during registration, a pre-golf cookout for lunch, 50/50 raffle, complementary gifts, free skill prizes including a hole-in-one contest and closest to the pin, and dinner at the clubhouse after golf. We've even added a few surprises including chair massages and a margarita station at the turn!

- 10:30 AM Range Balls, Registration, and Hospitality Station provided by Med Beat Experience Center
- 11:30 AM Cookout Lunch
- 12:30 PM Shotgun Start
- 6:30 PM Dinner at the Clubhouse

**\$75/person & \$300/foursome**

**Skyland Pines Golf Course**

3550 Columbus Road NE  
Canton, OH 44705

*It would be  
difficult to find a better  
golf bargain than this  
one for only  
\$75/person!*

Registration is quick and easy. Just complete the mail-in registration form included on the back of this page by September 10th.

## 5TH ANNUAL HARVEST MOON RUN ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

Don't miss out on the most talked about cross country, scenic course in Stark County when the fun doesn't stop after participants cross the finish line. Inflatable jumpers, face painting, and balloon artists in our fenced-in kid's area with chaperones make it fun for the entire family. Great sound and music, beer garden, bonfires, and hot grilled food by Santangelo Catering make our post-race party a night to remember.

*On-line registration is available at [www.runtoyouracing.com](http://www.runtoyouracing.com).*

Even if you are not an avid runner, the Harvest Moon Run offers options for everyone!

A scenic 1 mile trail walk has been established as a non-competitive and fun walk

for those who prefer to take in the breathtaking sights that Varian Orchards has to offer. Meanwhile, family and friends are encouraged to come out to root on their favorite runners. Food and drink will be available for spectators for a nominal fee of \$5.00 for sandwich platters and drink specials including 16 ounce beers for just \$4.00.

**1 Mile and 5k Events: NOW – October 2, 2016 - \$30**  
**October 3, 2016 through Race Day - \$35**

**10k Event: NOW – October 2, 2016 - \$40**  
**October 3, 2016 through Race Day - \$45**

*\*On-line registration will end at midnight on Sunday, October 2nd \*Apparel availability and sizing cannot be guaranteed after October 2nd at midnight*


***We look forward to seeing you in the fall!***





# Stark County Medical Society 15th Annual Golf Outing to Benefit Community Harvest

**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**  
**Skyland Pines Golf Course**  
**3550 Columbus Road NE, Canton, OH 44705**

<b>10:30 AM</b>	Range Balls, Registration, and Shrimp & Bloody Mary Hospitality Station provided by 
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Lunch
<b>12:30 PM</b>	Shotgun Start
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Dinner

Scramble Format 18 Holes with Cart • Lunch cookout before Shot Gun Start • Margaritas and chips at the turn • Unlimited beer and water on the course • Complimentary gift for each attendee • Prizes • Free Contests • Dinner at the Clubhouse

**\$75/Golfer • \$300/Foursome**

**Single Registration • \$75/person**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Meal Selection:</b>
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Individual golfers and smaller groups will be paired for the event

**Team Registration • \$300/foursome**

**Team Name:**

<b>Name 1:</b>	<b>Meal Selection:</b>
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<b>Name 2:</b>	<b>Meal Selection:</b>
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<b>Name 3:</b>	<b>Meal Selection:</b>
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<b>Name 4:</b>	<b>Meal Selection:</b>
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Registration required - Please register by September 10th

Please indicate dinner selection after each name – Golfers have a choice of Steak, Scrod, Lemon Chicken or Vegetarian

**Tee Sponsorship • \$100**

**Business or Family Name:**

## **Sponsorship Opportunities:**

Become an outing sponsor for just \$100 and show your support to Community Harvest. Your family or business name will be proudly displayed at the tee box of one of the 18 holes.

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Contact Faith Barbato at 330-493-0800 or [faithbarbato@sbcglobal.net](mailto:faithbarbato@sbcglobal.net) for more information

Mail this form with check payable to Stark County Medical Society to:

Community Harvest; Attention: Faith Barbato; 4915 Fulton Drive NW, Unit 7; Canton, OH 44718



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**PRIZES AWARDED TO**  
**1st Place Team • 2nd Place Team**  
**Last Place Team**

# SUMMERTIME SUPPORT YIELDS RECORD-HIGH FOOD DONATIONS



Faith Barbato and Mike Sylvester

The summer is not a time that people generally think about the hungry in our community. Unfortunately, it is actually the time of year when the need is the highest and people rely on hunger-relief programs the most, especially children who are out of school and without access to free lunch programs. We challenged our supporters to help us increase our food donations this summer. Many local businesses and supporters rose to that challenge, and we'd like to share a few of those successes with you.

A special thank you to the **TRI-COUNTY RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION** for their commitment and continued support of Community Harvest by hosting Celebrity Cuisine for 24 years! That is a remarkable testimony of their faith in our mission and our ability to provide more children and families with access to nutritious food. Executive Director, Faith Barbato, received a check from Mike Sylvester, Tri-County Restaurant Association incoming President, on July 12th, bringing our grand total of proceeds from the 2016 Celebrity Cuisine to almost \$40,000!



## THANK YOU... PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME



Community Harvest sincerely appreciates the donations of excess food after the Pro Football Hall of Fame appreciation party and fan appreciation parties on August 5th, August 6th, and August 7th. After the appreciation party on July 22nd, over 600 pounds of chicken, hot dogs, buns, fresh watermelon, pasta, beans, various salads, and desserts were picked-up and transported to Refuge of Hope, a men's emergency shelter that provides over 25,000 nutritious meals to hunger men, women, and children throughout the summer months of June, July, and August alone.

Another 4,800 pounds of food was later delivered to Refuge of Hope and Hope Outreach Ministries after the fan appreciation parties during the first week of August. "Collecting excess food after the Hall of Fame festivities each year is the epitome of how our program is designed to work and why it is so efficient," commented Faith Barbato, Executive Director. "There are hundreds of events that take place in Stark County on any given week. We take the guess work out of determining how to transport the leftover food and where it should go. Knowing that excess food can be turned into something beneficial for the community with one phone call is truly priceless." The Pro Football Hall of Fame and Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce work so diligently to host a "One of a Kind Celebration." We are extremely grateful that they included us in the details! A special thank you to Nicole Dietz-Hunt of Robert J. Events & Catering for coordinating all of the food collection efforts with the Hall of Fame.



## STARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S GARDEN

Community Harvest was chosen as the local hunger program to receive and distribute produce from the Stark County Sheriff's Jail Garden again this year. The 2016 inmate garden is larger than previous years with the help of Rudy Moyer, a master gardener with the Ohio State University extension who carefully thought out the harvesting of fruits and vegetables that are a little heartier, including bell peppers, green beans, squash, zucchini, leaf lettuce, radishes, and watermelons. Current board President, Todd Civiello, had the honor of picking-up the first donation of food near the end of July. "This is an incredible way to teach life skills that the inmates can take with them after they are released while positively impacting our community," he shared at a recent board meeting.





## The HARVESTER

*Summer 2016*

NEWSLETTER

### Community Harvest Staff & Board of Directors

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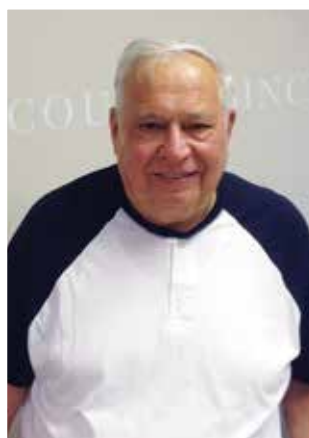
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## Thank You PAUL KRAMER

### FOR 12 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Volunteers are the back-bone of Community Harvest, always willing to share their time, talents, and energy to deliver hundreds of pounds of food each day to hot meal programs and shelters throughout Stark County. With an average tenure of ten years and strong bonds forged with the agencies and people they serve, it is never easy for them to let go. Paul Kramer will be retiring on Thursday, August 25th after 12+ years of service to Community Harvest as a volunteer each Thursday.



*"The people donating the food and the agencies who receive it have truly become my friends. I will especially miss the good folks at Samaritan's Table," said Paul upon sharing the news. "I would love to do this forever, but it is time for me to pass on this rewarding opportunity to someone new. Community Harvest will always remain near and dear to my heart."*